

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Paul J. Asher-Best, Christopher R. Lucy, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator John J. Sanguinet, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Ansel Chaplin, Roberta Lema, Mary Maxwell, Mark and Jane Peters, Kevin Kuechler, Blake Martin, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder, and Kaimi Lum of the Banner. Lloyd F. Rose was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of November 29, 2005 as presented. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of November 29, 2005 as corrected and to hold them in abeyance. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Public Comment:** Ms. Lema asked for information on the status of the town landing at the end of Meetinghouse Road. Mr. Lucy said he spoke to the new owner and he has no intention of blocking the road, and plans to leave the access to the water alone. Mr. Asher-Best noted that according to the deed, it is private property.

Ms. Nagy told the Board she was delighted with the lighting on the cupola, but would like to know why it was not left on from dark to dusk as it always had been. Ms. Nolan said they had received a complaint on it, which she will report on to the BOS next week.

Ms. Nagy asked the Board for background on where they are on the chimes, and if they would confirm that what they are doing is because they are required to by the State. Mr. Gaechter said the State has not issued an order, but sent a letter with their policy and that they would like the Town to find a solution that reduces the decibel level and addressed the timing of the striking--a package deal. They need to continue to decrease the volume even if they cannot quite reach the State's 10 decibel level.

**Interviews/Appointments:** The Board interviewed Ansel Chaplin and Jane Peters for openings on the Tercentennial Celebration Committee. **Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Ansel Chaplin, seconded by Mr. Asher-Best. Vote: 4-0, unanimous. Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint Jane Peters, seconded by Mr. Palmer. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

The Board interviewed Mary Maxwell for an opening on the Truro Cultural Council. **Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint Mary Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Lucy. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Town Administrator's Report: (action items)**

- Requested that the Board approve a special permit from the NPS for the Flying Santa program. **Mr. Asher-Best moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Lucy**

**seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

- Reported that she received an answer on the cultural attractions sign from Mr. McCourt of MA Highway. We do not qualify for this because Route Six is not a limited access road, but we could apply for directional signs under the tourist directional sign program.
- Requested that the Board approve a letter of engagement from Sullivan, Rogers and Company, Inc., to perform our audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 at a cost of \$24k **Mr. Asher-Best moved to sign the contract. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)**

**Gaechter:** -Reported that Provincetown has voted to hold a fireworks display next July 4<sup>th</sup>. He has drafted a letter to Chief Prada and Chief Thomas requesting that they prepare an emergency mitigation plan. **Mr. Gaechter moved to send the letter. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Evaluation form:** Mr. Gaechter said that he would take Mr. Palmer's version and integrate it into the form that he and Mr. Asher-Best had chosen. He suggested having all the "bullet" items begin with verbs. All the members liked the layout chosen. Mr. Lucy asked about a scoring mechanism, and Mr. Palmer felt it could be half the size; he found it repetitive. Mr. Gaechter suggested that they use the same format for the Police Chief, with appropriate changes in language. Mr. Lucy noted that the Chief's contract called for his approval of an evaluation form, and wondered if Ms. Nolan must also approve her evaluation form. Her contract does not contain that clause. Mr. Asher-Best noted that he did not feel a manager had to be friendly and cooperative to be effective. Mr. Asher-Best and Mr. Gaechter will work together on this form. Ms. Nolan was directed to put the matter on next week's agenda.

**At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider negotiations and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Asher-Best, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; 4-0, unanimous.**

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Paul Asher-Best, Clerk

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Christopher R. Lucy

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